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25c. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, including with Mexican drawn work, for 19c.

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50c. White Silk Caps-for33c
29c. White Silk Caps-for19c
98c. Colored Silk Caps-for
48c. Colored Boucle Saps-for
30c. Infants' Kid Shoes-for19c
\$1.98 White Elderdown Coats-for \$1.2

33 1/3 to 50 per cent reductions! Embroideries to Be Really Sacrificed! New '98 Styles Suits, Skirts & Waists. 19,000 yards of Embroideries-manufacturers

The growth of this business demands additional space and extensive alterations are shortly to be

With the dirt and dust accompanying the building operations—comes the injury to the stock. This

loss we intend forestalling by holding a Clearance Sale that will affect every department in the house!!

-including the addition of the floors over the Lincoln National Bank-the building adjoining.

Plaid Roman Stripe Black and changeable Taffeta Dress and Shirt Waists in latest styles, plain, tucked, etc., worth \$5 to \$3.98 \$1.50.....

New 1898 Shirt Waists, worth 59c. and 49c......39c.

Choice of Shirt Waists in black, plain and figured brilliantines, checks, novelty cloths, in different colors................ 95c.

Brocaded Satins and Brocaded Gros Grain Skirts, full latest style, pleated back, etc. Regular price, \$8 and \$10...... \$5.00 Black and Navy Cheviot Serge Suits, fly-front Reefers, new short lengths, new skirts, jacket sateen lined, percaline lined skirt, worth \$10......\$7.50

Lot of Bicycle Skirts, circulars and divided, black and novelty. Worth \$3.00

Pruning the Prices of the Trimmings.

A lot of Jet and Fancy Trimming, 1 to 2 inches wide, usually sold for 39c. and 23C. 1 lot of Narrow Jet Trimming, usually sold for 15c. and 18c. yard...... IIC.

1 lot of Military Frogs in black and colors, in mohair and silk. Regular price, 22C.

Garniture Yokes and Fancy Front 79C.

Less for Fine Laces.

1 lot of Black Silk Insertions, 1 to — inches wide, used as band trimming. 23c. yard. 1 lot of French Valenciennes Lace, — inch wide, 12-yard pieces. 60c. piece 39c. each.

1 lot of French Valenciennes Insertions, 1 inch wide, 12 yards in a piece. 39c. each.

1 lot of Torchon Laces in edges and insertions, 1 to 3 inches wide. Regular price, 8c. and 10c. yard. 5c. yard. 1 lot of White Goods, including Dimity, India Linen, Cross-barred Muslin and Lace-striped Muslin. Regular price 15c. and 18c. yard. Sale price.. 9C. yard.

\$1 for Veils Silk Nun's Veiling—deep hem—that pre-vious to now sold for

ALL-SILK GROS GRAIN RIB-BON-3 and 3½ in. wide. Regularly sold from 15c. to 18c. yd..... 8c. yd. Chemise,

2 Hat Items ==

79c. Black Chip Hats......49c. 48c. Colored Lace Straw Hats......39c ~*~*~*~

Sweeping Reductions All Over the House!

TUESDAY,

WEDNESDAY,

wholesale cost!

naments and Chiffon Trimmings.

10c. Warren's "Twill Covered" Feather

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Bone... 5c. yd.
4-yd. piece Black Velveteen Bindiags. 8c. piece
Black Spool Silk, 18c. dozen, 3 for ... 5c.
King's Spool Cotton, 200 yards, 18c. dozen,
3 for ... 5c.
Dress Bones, 7, 8 and 9-inch... 4c. doz.
Genuine Whalebones, 36 inches long 12c.
9-yard piece of Bone Cassing for ... 9c.
9-yard piece Prussiar Binding for ... 15c.
10c. Sesmless Stockinet Dress Shields
for ... 7c. pair
6c. Fancy Dress Belting for ... 4c.
Silk Taffeta Seam Binding, all colors.
for ... 8c. piece

Silk Taffeta Seam Binding, all colors, for Se place 19c. Nickel-plated Shears, 7, 8 and 9-in, 7c. pair Steel Scissors, all sizes, every pair guaranteed 21c. pair 3c. Fast Black and Tan Darning Cotton, ic. ball 25c. Ladies' Satin Belt Hose Supporters 15c. pair Ledies' and Children's Side Hose Support

ers 15c, pair Ladies' and Children's Side Hose Support-ers 9c, pair 10c Mohair Corset Lacers, 5 yards long 5c Large Spools Basting Cotton, 10c, doz.1c, spool

THURSDAY.

We are offering our \$1 Gloves now for 69cl

And these are genuine \$1 Gloves, too, in black, white, tan, red, brown, navy and green—warranted perfect—and a good enough glove to satisfy any one who buys it. All \$1.50 Real Kld Gloves, in the latest spring \$1.15 The "Cluze Patent Thumb Gloves" cluded in this offer. Every pair fitted.

Umbrellas Lowered!

26 inch best Gloria Silk Umbrellas, with silk case and tassel; fine line of natural, with sterling trimndings; Dresden imported rubber and French horn handles. Regular \$1.98 \$1.15 and \$2.48.

Jewelry Department.

 10c. Jeweled Hat Pins for
 5c.

 48c. Jeweled Metal Belts for
 39c.

 59c. Jeweled Leather Belts for
 39c.

 49c. Military Belts—made of military but

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Reductions in Books.

25c. 12c. \$3.50 edition, 1897, Harper's Round Table, 1,271 pages. \$1.29 Mrs. Parker's \$1.00 Cook Book 19c.

Odd Corsets.

Corset Covers,

Short Skirts.

Drawers,

Odd Corsets-not all sizes of any one kind-Lot of 50c. Coutil Corsets, in white and

And all selling records have been surpassed by this greatest of sales.

Corset Covers, 72°.

Skirts, Chemise, Drawers, Skirts,

Chemise, Drawers, Corset Covers,

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Of Millinery!

Greatest of all our exhibits of Spring Millinery. Exquisite examples of those across-the-sea designers in Paris whom the rest

In trimmings for Hats and also untrimmed Hats-a large as-

sortment to pick from and less prices than you've ever known will

prevail. Newest of effects in Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Hat Or-

We Sell Dress Findings and Linings.

Not for profit, but for the accommodation of customers. If you

are skeptical as to that statement-note the prices we quote-not a

yard of goods in this department is sold a cent over the actual

Muslin Underwear Sale==still on==

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Gowns, Drawers, Skirts, Chemise,

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121/2c. Fast Black Figured Silesia

25c. Black and White Linen Can-for. Black and Colored Rustle Perca-e, 36 inches wide. 9c. Fast Black and Colored Perca-

12%c. Black and White Linen Canvas for.

Sc. Black and Colored Rustle Peresline, 36 inches wide.

10c. Fast Black and Colored Percalnes for.

17c. Roman Stripe Percasilk, for skirt linings.

18c. Roman Striped Princess Silk, for skirt lining.

12%c. Figured Percaline
4c. Best Dressmakers Cambric.

19c. Black and White Percasilk

Yard-wide Lining Lawns—20 differnt shades.

14c. Striped Taffets Lining for.....

. 124c. yd. . 5c. yd. . 214c. yd. . 14c. yd.

Mr. Chandler's Resolution Adopted by the Senate.

MAINE DISASTER INVESTIGATION

Indemnity for Spanish Treatment of Bolten and Richelieu.

PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE

A beautiful, tender and touching prayer was delivered by the chaplain of the Senate at the opening of the Senate today in memory of William E. Spencer, journal clerk of the Senate, who died last Friday

A bill extending for one year the time within which the Pittsburg and Mansfield Railroad Company is authorized to construct a bridge across the Monongahela river was passed.

A resolution offered last Thursday by Mr. Chandler (N. H.), authorizing the committee on naval affairs to send for persons and papers in the course of the investiga tion of the Maine disaster was adopted. Almost immediately afterward Mr. Allen

(Neb.) inquired of Mr. Chandler what the naval affairs committee had done regarding the investigation of the Maine catastrophe as provided for by his resolution of several weeks ago.

Mr. Chandler, in reply, called attention to the absence of the chairman of the naval committee, Mr. Hale, and disclaimed any desire or intention to speak for the committee. He said, however, that as yet the committee had taken no action regarding the investigation beyond presenting and securing the passage of the resolution authorizing the committee to proceed as a court. He expressed the opinion that the policy of the committee would be to await action and findings of the naval court of inquiry. He called attention to the in-teresting fact that naval courts have no authority under the law to compel witnesses to testify or to punish them if they

should refuse. He thought, therefore, that the naval committee, in making its investigation, ought to be empowered to force testimony from witnesses or suffer a penalty for re-

is the senator advised as to whether the naval affairs committee will make an investigation of the Maine disaster?" in-quired Mr. Allen. "I am not prepared to speak for the com-

mittee, replied Mr. Chandler. "The reso-lution, I take it, places an injunction upon the committee to conduct an investigation, and the resolution agreed to a few minutes ago is in line with that injunction. This is a subject which I do not think ought to be discussed in public. I desire to com-mend the senator from Nebraska for his patriotic restraint in refraining from discussing this matter."

The conference report on the army ap-

propriation bill was presented by Mr. Quay Pa) and was agreed to.
Proceeding under unanimous consent, the

Senate passed the following measures: Amending an act to permit the use of the right of way through public lands for tram roads, canals and reservoirs; to provide for the erection of a public building at Provi-dence, R. I., at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. 000: to restore to rank ex-Cadet Engineer J. E. Paimer; permanently locating the capital of the territory of New Mexico at Santa Fe; granting to the Kettle River Valley Railway Company a right of way through the north half of the Colville Indian reservation, in Washington, and re-lating to leases on the Hot Springs reserva-

At this point Mr. Lodge (Mass.) of the foreign relations committee called up the joint resolution for the relief of August Bolten and Gustav Richelleu. The resolu-tion as reported from the foreign rela-tions committee is as follows: "That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, empowered to take such measures as in his judgment may be necessary, to obtain the indemnity from the Spanish government for the wrongs and injuries suffered by August Bolten and Gustav Richelieu, by reason of their wrongful arest and imprisonment by Spanish authoriest and imprisonment by Spanish authories. rest and imprisonment by Spanish author-ities at Santiago de Cuba in the year 1895; and to secure this end he is authorized and requested to employ such means or exerise such power as may be necessary.

The resolution, to which objection

At 2:40 p.m. the Senate, on motion of Mr. Quay, went into executive session, and soor afterward adjourned.

AUTHORITY GIVEN WAR SHIPS BOUGHT

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samples—newest patterns—all perfect, 4½ to 8 yards in length—in Nainsook and cambric inser-

tions and edges. These are worth from Sc. to \$2 a yard. The 41/2-yard strips are to be sold—

30c. to 40c. grades go for......19c

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\$2 to \$2.50 grades go for.....\$1.29

"Cuts" in Neckwear.

25c. Boys' Windsor Club Ties for21c.

Millinery Trimmings.

19c. Clover, Poppies, Carnations, Roses, Fo-

25c. Sweet Peus, Rose Follage, Lilacs,

19c. American Beauty Rosebuds and Foliage

-for.....
Plaited Chiffon-all the new shades-3 yds.

(Continued from First Page.) cinity. When the vessels leave that section the War Department will furnish a detach-ment of troops. The exact details of the plan have not been agreed upon.

Acquisition of the New Cruisers. The two Brazilian seels acquired by the United States will be extremely useful additions to the United States navy in either war or peace. They are steel, sheathed and coppered, with twin screws, and so will be the first of the cruisers in our navy to embody that most useful feature of naval construction, sheathing, for which Chief Constructor Hichborn has so earnestly worked for so many years past. He finally succeeded in having some of the smaller gunboats constructed on this principle.

The Amazonas is rated at 3,600 tons dis placement, with an indicated horse power under natural draught of 7,500, which is calculated to develop twenty knots' spee Thus while the ship is about the size of the Charleston, she is much faster. Her armament is also much more formidable, not so much in caliber, for the main battery is made up of six 6-inch guns, but these guns, as well as the 4.7-inch guns, are of what is known as 50-caliber length, giving them an unusual range and power. In addition to this she has ten six-pounder quick-firing guns, four one-pounders, four Maxim machine guns and two boat or field guns. The torpedo tubes are three in num-

The coal capacity is 850 tons, giving he an effective steaming radius of 8,000 knots, a most valuable feature, inasmuch as it would enable the ship to cross and recros Atlantic without coaling. Such vessels used as commerce destroyers would be vastly more effective than what appear to be more powerful crafts because of their ability to get along on long cruises out touching in at neutral ports to coal, and thus exposing themselves to capture. The cruisers carry no armor in the ordinary sense, but their machinery is protected from the fire of guns by an arched steel deck just below the water line, varying in thickness from 1.2 to 3.5 inches. The battery has an unusual train, being arranged to fire three ahead and three astern

of the principal guns. Movement to the Coast.

The War Department is perfecting its plans for the movement of infantry and cavalry troops from interior posts to the newly established fortifications along the Atlantic and gulf coasts, where they will be employed in assisting the artillery garrisons recently established at the various coast defenses. Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the representatives of various railroads for the transportation of the troops and their accouterments. Bat-teries of artillery, sixty men strong each, will be transferred from Fortress Monroe to each of the following named points: Fort Caswell, on the Cape Fear river, Ga.; Tybee, near Savannah, Ga.; Fort Morgan, ear Mobile, and Sheridan's Point, on the Potomac just below Washington city. A battery will be sent from Fort McHenry, Baltimore, to a point on the Delaware river below Philadelphia.

It has been arranged at the War Depart ment that all volunteer soldiers who may be added to the army shall be armed with the latest improved Winchester rifle of 30 caliber. This arm was selected for the reason that it would be more serviceable in the hands of inexperienced troops than the more complicated Krag-Jorgensen rifle of the regular service.

Money Wanted by Secretary Alger. Two estimates of appropriations to meet the cost of the recently authorized addition of two regiments of artillery to the army were sent to Congress today by Secretary Alger. One was for a supplemental estimate of \$491,164 for the appropriation for the pay of the army for the next fiscal year and the other was for a deficiency of \$154, 170 in the current year appropriation to defray the added expenditures for the remainder of this year.

Vessels to Be Brought Here. Secretary Long said this afternoon that two cruisers had been purchased from the Brazihan government, but refused to state the cost or give any other details. The vessels are the Amazonas and the Abreuall, building by the Armstrongs of England. Arrangements will at once be made for their transfer to the United States. It has been inaccurately stated that one of the vessels is the Admiral Bleu. Her

His Recognizance Forfeited Alexander S. Sigmund, indicted for at tempt to commit arson, was called for trial today in Crim'hal Court No. 1. He falled to respond, and Chief Justice Bingham di-rected that his recognizance be forfeited.

The Vermont Senator Tells of Conditions in Cuba.

A Long Conference With the President in Which His Recent Experience is Related.

Senator Proctor arrived at the White House a few minutes before 1 o'clock, and just after the departure of Secretary Alger, who probably arranged for the visit. All tor at once entered upon his story. At the regular hour for the President's lunch 1:30 o'clock, the two men went down stairs and Senator Proctor continued his story while lunch was being partaken of.

The conference continued after lunch, and was one of the longest yet held on any subject at the White House. Senator Proctor talked to the President on all the conditions of the island which came under his observation. He told of the starvation and destruction everywhere visi-

ble; of the operations of autonomy; of the positions of the insurgent and Spanish How much further the Senator went is not known, but it is believed that he add ed a plea for the settlement of the war by and all he saw there is said to have added to the intensity of his belief that there should no longer be delay.

TROUBLE IN HALEY'S BAND. Leader Declares He Has Not Resigned

His Position. Mr. Will A. Haley of Haley's Washington Concert Band, in talking of the troubles which have recently arisen in the organization, said to a reporter for The Star

today:

"The whole trouble arose from the fact that I severed my connection with the Washington Musical Assembly and joined the Columbia Musical Protective Union. I found that the Washington Musical Assembly was allowing some of its members to cut rates and obtain employment at almost any figure, and at the same time requiring other members of the assembly to live rigidly up to the rules. I demanded that this matter be set straight, and upon receiving no satisfaction I concluded to resign. I learned also that a secret boycott had been placed against my band, men playing with me being told that they need not expect engagements from other

leaders.
"Then, too, there is a disposition to treat theatrical managers in Washington dif-ferently; some being required to live up to the rules of the union, while others were winked at in their violation of the same

Mr. Haley said it was his purpose to incorporate the band at once, and it would in the future be on a better footing than it had ever been before. He has not resigned as leader and has never considered such a

thing.
"The band is of my own organization," he said, "and I shall always continue to employ man to play with me as long as I keep the organization going."

The band will hold its usual rehearsals in the armory of the National Rifles, he said, to which the public is always welcome: This afternoon articles incorporating the Washington Concert Rand will be ing the Washington Concert Band will be

LATE NAVAL ORDERS.

Transfers of General Interest to the

Commander W. I. Moore has been or dered to duty at the Bath iron works; Lieut. Commander W. L. Field to temporary duty as supervisor of New York har

The leave of Lieut. J. N. Jordan has been revoked, and he is ordered to the Newport torpedo station: Assistant Paymaster D. Potter to the Katahdin.

Pay Inspector G. A. Lyon has been ordered from duty at the Navy Department to charge of navy pay office, Philadelphia; Pay Director R. Parks, from Chicago pay office to Washington navy yard, relieving Pay Inspector E. Putnam, who is placed in charge of Baltimore pay office; Lieut. F. E. Beatry from the Adams to the Monterey; Lieut. W. G. Hannum, from New York navy yard to command the tug Leyden.

The leave of Lieut. J. P. McGuinness has ben revoked, and he is ordered to the Independence; Paymaster's Clerk J. Brooks. to pendence; Paymaster's Clerk J. Brooks, to the Columbia.

DESCRIBED BY MR. PROCTOR READY TO BUY BOATS

Naval Board Organized to Select Auxiliary Cruisers.

CAPTAIN FRED. ROGERS PRESIDENT

Placing the Big Guns in Position at Sandy Hook.

WOMEN ARE SENT AWAY

NEW YORK, March 14 .-- The board of naval experts to select auxiliary cruisers for the United States navy met for organization today in the Havemeyer building, where the board has secured temporary quarters. Permanent quarters will be taken later, as the board will have a great amount of work to do here. The new board supersedes the office of United States inspector of merchant vessels, which has een held by Lieutenant Commander J. D. J. Kelly, in this city since May of last year. Commander Kelly is a member of the new board.

Power to Pre-Empt Vessels. A member of the board said today that it had power to pre-empt any vessel that had been constructed under the subsidy of Congress and was engaged in carrying the mails. All vessels will be carefully examined, and no worn out hulks will be accepted. "We can easily secure a fine fleet on both coasts," said this gentleman. Those that have been voluntarily offered to the government will be first inspected. We will have no difficulty in getting all the vessels of the highest class we need, from ocean-going tugs to fleet liners like the vessels of the American Line." The special board organized with the selection of Capt. Frederick Rodgers of president: Lieut. Sargeant, recorder of the board of inspection, as secretary, and Lieut, Commander Kelly as adviser. It was announced that all meetings of the ocard would be secret.

After organizing, the board adjourned.

Arrangements were made to inspect the American liner \$t. Louis, which is now in port, and the Ward line steamers today. Defenses at Sandy Hook. The 300 artillerymen ordered from Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth to Sandy Hook were transferred to that latter point tcday. Under the direction of army engineers, hundreds of soldiers and workmen

are busy mounting guns, building ramparts and laying other defenses at the Hook. Not since the civil war has such activity

been seen there.

A train of twenty-one cars, each loaded with a twelve-inch steel mortar, is lying on a siding near the fortifications. It arrived yesterday from the Watervliet arsenal. The work of erecting mounts for the mortars is being rushed.

Many mortars are already in place. They are out of sight, in deep pits, in batteries of sixteen each, and cannot be reached by an energy's gune except by shell. The pits an enemy's gung except by shell. The pits are surrounded by neavy masonry covered by layers of congrete and faced with slopes of sand. The disappearing guns are similarly concealed: On the seaside the great fortifications are hardly noticeable.

Dozens of eight, ten and twelve-inch steel rifles are at the Hook ready for mounting. When the engineers are through the fortifications will be among the strongest in the Women and Chifdren Sent Away. All women and children under sixteen years old have been ordered from the Hook. The wives of many of the workmen

WILL TAKE POSSESSION.

left yesterday.

Flag to Be Hoisted on the Brasilian Orders have been sent to Commo Howell, commanding the European station to send a force of men from the San Fran-United States flag on the Brazilian ship that is ready to go into commission at Newcastle. This will prevent any difficulty in case hostilities should break out, as the ship would be under the flag, but lying in a friendly harbor. cisco to take possession of and hoist the

TO INSPECT WEST POINT.

Appointment of the Board of Visi-The President today appointed the following named gentlemen as the board of visitors to the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., for the present emy, West Point, N. Y., for the present year: Mr. Walter L. Bouve. Higham, Mass.; Mr. William T. Faircloth, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mr. George R. Peck, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. William S. Webb, Shilburne, Vt.; Mr. William P. Walton, Greensboro, Ala.; Gen. Simond B. Buckner, Rio, Hart county, Ky., and Mr. Alex. W. Hoffman, Buffalo, N. Y.

LUNCH HOUR CURTAILED.

Effect of New Departmental Regula-The legislative, executive and judicial ap propriation bill, as it went to the President, contained provisions of especial interest to employes of the government. It specifically provides that employes in the executive departments shall work seven hours daily, hour for lunch be continued it will be necessary to extend the hours of labor to 4:30 o'clock, or to begin work at 8:30 o'clock.

BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS.

Term of Admiral Matthews as Chief Will Expire Tomorrow. The term of Rear Admiral Edward O. Matthews as chief of the bureau of yards and docks, Navy Department, will expire temorrow, and there is considerable speculation in naval circles as to the name of his successor. So far as known, no selection has yet been made, but it is believed that the President will be prepared to make the appointment before the close of

GOV. TYLER'S MESSAGE.

the week. Admiral Matthews will retire

age in the fall, and in the interval it is be-

lieved he will be assigned to duty as presi-

dent of either the examining or retiring

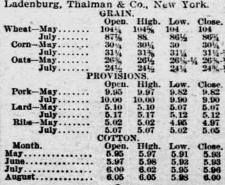
Taken to the White House by Representative Otey. Representative Otey of Virginia called on the President this morning at the request of Governor Tyler, to say that the people of that state will rally at the first call in

Government Bonds. Quotations reported by Coreon & Macart-

defense of the country's honor.

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NATIVES FAVOR ANNEXATION.

Ben Cluff, Jr., Talks of the Sentimen in Hawaiian Islands. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 14.-Ben

Cluff, jr., president of the Brigham Young

Academy, at Provo, Utah, has just returned from a visit to the Hawaiian Islands, where he went at the solicitation of United States Senator Frank J. Cannon to determine the status of the annexation sentiment among the Hawalian Islands. Mr. Cluff speaks the language fluently, and has made a thorough canvass among the natives on the Islands of Oahu, Maul and Hi-Newcastle. This will prevent any difficulty in case hostilities should break out, as the ship would be under the flag, but lying in a friendly harbor.

Fern Back at Key West.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 14.—The United States dispatch boat Fern arrived here this afternoon from Matanzas. lo. He sald: "As a result of my investiga-

FINANCE AND TRADE

Gowns,

Prices of Stocks Took a Sharp Turn Upward Today.

WAR SCARE HAS BEEN DISCOUNTED

Brokers Take a More Hopeful View. of the Future.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star, NEW YORK, March 14.-The panic symptoms of Saturday gave way to more optimistic reasoning this morning, prices in consequence reflecting substantial gains over the closing level last week. Initial figures were uniformly higher, the extremes of improvement varying from % to 4 per

London cables reported a higher range of prices in the American market as the result of a belief that Saturday's decline was not warranted by the facts, and that the chances for immediate hostilities with Spain were limited.

cent.

The eastern situation was unchanged, and this fact contributed slightly to the more confident undertone in the European markets. Spanish 4 per cent bonds were quoted at 52 3-4, a decline of 3 per cent since the mid-

dle of last week. Engagements of \$2,250,000 gold for import from Europe were an-reunced during the day, and this practical emphasizing of our international financial condition aided the improvement in prices. Earnings were all satisfactory, and noth-ing save the delay in the findings of the ccurt of inquiry and the political aspect of the situation were disturbing. The possibilities of the latter factor as a disquieting influence have been limited to a

tion of weakly margined holdings. Strong financial interests were noticed among the buyers today and were quoted as believing the market invulnerable against all probable adverse developments, except-ing some action equivalent to a declaration of war. However temporary its absence may be the war scare has passed out of the financial situation. This statement does not preclude the like-

lihood of lower prices than the best for to-day. A liberal short interest was made to cover on the ascending scale, and once this factor is eliminated a substantial incentive to higher prices will have disappeared. Pending radical developments the policy of the larger operators is likely to favor purchases on all concessions.

The range of prices for some of the most decirable control of

desirable securities is admittedly under value, and declines are very naturally awaited by the far-sighted. Prices and not values have suffered by recent develop ments.
The buying of sugar, Metropolitan and

Manhattan was credited to the short in-terest, and the urgency of the demand is reflected by the substantial changes over improvement was relatively as large, but the rebuying of long stock was a factor in these shares. St. Paul, for example, was in excellent demand, the strong Standard Oil following being reported among the purchasing element. Burlington was exceptionally strong also

notwithstanding local effort in Nebraska to overcome the recent decision of the Su-preme Court. preme Court.

New York Central and the higher-priced investment issues were all stronger and gave every evidence of reviving confidence

in the financial outlook.

The final hour was a trifle less active than its predecessors, but prices during that period were at the highest point of the day. A change in sentiment has been recorded and the immediate future of the situation is entirely assured except in the situation is entirely assured, except in the event of surprises from Washington.

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11,289 bushels; exports, none; stock, 207,467 bushels. Hay firm—choice timothy, \$12.50a\$13.00. Grain freights quiet, rates fairly steady—steam to Liverpool per bushel, 3½4d. May; Cork for orders per quarter, 38,6d a3s,7½d. March, 38,4½d. April, Sugar strong—granulated, 5,20½. Butter steady—famey cresmery, 20a21; do, imitation, 17a18; do, ladle, 15; good ladle, 13a14; store packed, 10a12. Eggs quiet—fresh, 10½. Choese steady—famey New York, large, 9½,99½; do, medium, 9½,210; do, small, 10½,10½. Lettuce—\$1.50a\$1.75 per basket. Whisky—\$1.26a\$1.27 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; \$1.28a\$1.29 per gallon for jobbing jots.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents, Messrs. Van Emburgh & Atterbury, No. 2 Wall st

Open, High. Low, American Spirits... Bay State Gas Canada Southern..... 46¼ 79¼ 19 27 90 117¼ 90% 89¾ 145 67¾ 179 46% 19% 18 26% 81% 115% 86% 144 81 175% 159% Chicago Nortuwestern

Chicago Gas.
C. M. & St. Paul.
C. Chicago, R.I. & Pacific.
Chic St. P., M. & O. Erie General Electric

Dehigan Central

Brooklyn R. Transit.

National Lead Co., pfd. New Jersey Central ... New York Central ... Pacific Mail. 9½ 18½ 25½ 49½ Texas Pacific.
Tenn. Coar & Iron.
Union Pacific.
Union Pacific, pfd.
Wabash, pfd.
Western Union Tei.

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Sales—regular call—12 g'clock m.—Washington Loan and Trust, 10 at 127%. Capital Traction, 1 at 70½; 20 at 70%; 15 at 70½; 25 at 70½; 20 at 70½; 20 at 70%. Washington Gas, 4 at 47. U. S. Electric Light, 10 at 103; 10 at 103; 10 at 102; 10 at 102½; 10 at 102½. American Graphophone, 40 at 15%; 5 at 15½. Pacumatic Gun Carriage, 100 at 41 cents. 40 at 15%; 5 at 15%. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 100 at 41 cents.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 101½ bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold. 110 bid. 3.65s, funding. currency, 115 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 117½ bid. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 117 bid. 120 asked. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, A, 120 bid. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, B, 110 bid. 114 asked. Belt Railroad 5s, 45 bid. Eckington Railroad 6s, 100 bid. 100 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 115 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 111½ bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 112 bid. U. S. Electric Light debenture imp., 102 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 102 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 102 1114, bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 112 bid. U. S. Electric Light debenture imp., 102 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 102 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, S. and O., 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A. and O., 100 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 109 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 109 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 109 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 107 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 90 bid. National Bank Stocks.—Bankof Washington, 280 bid. Metropolitan, 309 bid. Central (new stock), 135 bid. 15c asked. Farmers and Mechanics', 182 bid. Second, 140 bid. Citizens', 140 bid. Columbia, 130 bid. Capital, 125 bid. West End, 103 bid. 170 asked. Traders', 95 bid. Lincoln, 113 bid, 118 asked.

Safe Deposit and Trust. Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 114 bid. Washington Loan and Trust, 130 asked. American Security and Trust, 130 asked. American Security and Trust, 149 bid. Washington Safe Deposit, 50 bid.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Trection, 70 bid. 7014.

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